

Amendments to the Drawing:

Applicants have amended Figure 2 by changing reference character “18” to –58--. One replacement sheet is attached.

REMARKS

Claims 9-17 remain pending in the above-referenced application and are submitted for the Examiner's reconsideration.

The Examiner objected to the drawings. In view of the amendments made thereto and to the specification, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

The Examiner noted an informality in the previously submitted IDS. Applicants have submitted herewith a new IDS that is believed to cure any prior deficiency.

As for the prior art rejection on Renninger, Applicants are submitting herewith a verified translation of German priority application number 102 45 965.7, in order to perfect Applicants' claim to foreign priority. Since the filing date of September 30, 2002, for the German priority application is before the prior art date of August 28, 2003, Applicants request withdrawal of this rejection.

Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application are therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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